## **Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## In the Claims:

What is claimed is:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A compound of Formula (I):

$$(R^{1})_{n}$$

$$(1)$$

$$S$$

$$CN$$

$$R^{2}$$

wherein

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

Each  $R^1$  which may be the same or different, independently represents H, halogen or a group  $(X)_a(Y)_bZ$ ;

X represents -O- or -CONH-;

a is 0 or 1;

Y represents -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylene-;

b is 0 or 1;

Z represents hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  haloalkyl,  $C_{5-7}$  heterocyclyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxyalkyl, or  $C_{1-6}$  haloalkoxyalkyl;

 $R^2$  represents a group  $-(X^1)_C(Y^1)_dZ^1$ ,

wherein X<sup>1</sup> represents –C<sub>1-12</sub> alkylene-;

c is 0 or 1;

Y<sup>1</sup> represents -O-;

d is 0 or 1;

 $Z^1$  represents H, aryl or heteroaryl each of which contains 5 - 14 ring atoms,  $C_{5-7}$  heterocyclyl,  $C_{5-7}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{5-7}$  cycloalkenyl, each of which aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  haloalkyl, halogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$  haloalkoxy,  $SO_2R^3$ , or  $C_{1-6}$  hydroxyalkyl; and

R<sup>3</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates or physiologically functional derivatives thereof with the proviso that the compound is not:

5-(1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-{(2-methylphenyl)oxy]thiophene-2-carbonitrile

or 5-(5,6-bismethoxy-1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-{(2-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]oxy}thiophene-2-carbonitrile

Claim 2 (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 1 or 2.

Claim 3 (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein n is 2.

Claim 4 (Original): A compound according to claim 3 wherein one R<sup>1</sup> is – OCH<sub>3</sub>.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 3 wherein each R<sup>1</sup> is –OCH<sub>3</sub>.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 3 wherein each  $R^1$  is  $-OCH_3$  on position 5 and 6 of the ring.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 1 wherein c is 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl alkylene.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 1 wherein  $Z^1$  is aryl or heteroaryl each of which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,  $CF_3$ ,  $CH_2OH$ ,  $SO_2CH_3$ ,  $CH_3$ ,  $OCH_3$ .

Claim 10 (Original): A compound according to claim 1, selected from:

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

 $5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[(1R)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile$ 

5-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

 $5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[(1-methyl-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-6-yl)methyl]oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile)$ 

 $5-(6-(methyloxy)-5-\{[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy\}-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-(\{[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl\}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile$ 

 $5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-\{[(2,5-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy\}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile$ 

 $5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-(\{[2-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methyl\}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile$ 

5-(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[(2,6-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

5-[5-[(3-hydroxypropyl)oxy]-6-(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[2-
(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophene-carbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[(3-bromo-4-pyridinyl)methyl]oxy}-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)oxy]-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
1-[5-cyano-4-({[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thienyl]-N-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-
1H-benzimidazole-5-carboxamide
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({(1R)-1-[2-
(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-phenylethyl)oxy]-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[({2-
[(trifluoromethyl)oxy]phenyl}methyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[2-(methyloxy)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy}-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[2-(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]oxy}-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2-furanylmethyl)oxy]-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-ylmethyl)oxy]-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[2-(phenyloxy)ethyl]oxy}-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[(1S)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)butyl]oxy}-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(3-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{[(1R)-1-methylpropyl]oxy}-2-
thiophenecarbonitrile

or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1, or a salt, solvate, or a physiologically functional derivative thereof and one or more of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents and excipients.

Claims 12-18 (Cancelled):

19 (New): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 10, or a salt, solvate, or a physiologically functional derivative thereof and one or more of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents and excipients.